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PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, I would have to oppose Senator Mahoney's move. It seems to me that five members of the Executive Board could hire a Director on the second day after this body adjourns, institute him into the procedure that is there and leave this body faced with the proposition of having no input, no alternative suggestions, no other recommendations but simply to accept perfunctorily what the Executive Board has done. I think this position, where it is the focal point of the activity of this Legislature when we are not actively in session, is one that could very well benefit by very deliberate consideration by this total body before the fact and not after. I think accepting the selection of five people is really not what this body wants in choosing a man to fill a post as important as this is and I would ask that the amendment not be stricken.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: A question of the Chair, I guess. Is the amendment...or the Clerk. I didn't catch the full amendment.

CLERK: The amendment is to return it to Select File for specific amendment. Strike the Murphy amendment to page 8, line 22.

SENATOR WARNER: And that is it?

CLERK: That is all I have, yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Then, I guess it is for Senator Mahoney, maybe clarify me, that returns the language, instead of after it inserts with and as I recall it says then the Executive Board may with the concurrence of the entire Legislature hire someone and it is a matter of how you interpret that but I would assume that if the word "with" is used no one could be hired either without the entire Legislature acting. From what the comments that are made, I am not sure that either "after" or "with" would permit the Executive Board to do what those of you who have spoken against the Murphy amendment suggest you want it to do. Perhaps Senator Mahoney can address himself to that or somebody who has an opinion on it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, in regard to this particular motion, I need to ask a question probably, I don't know, I guess Senator Mahoney, because the Executive Board...my question is, we haven't had a Director for a considerable length of time, is there any particular reason why we need to do this now before next January so that we might be able to avoid all of this problem? Is there a pressing desire, is there somebody that wants to be the Director that wants to get